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Losses of Germans At Verdun Appalling

LULL HAS COME IN 'RECRUITING PLOT': MARSHAL SMIDDY IS CHARY

Sensation Which Federal Officer Promised To Spring Yesterday In Connection With British 'Conspiracy' Does Not Come

WARRANTS IN HAND HAVE FICTITIOUS APPEARANCE

Seligen, Claimed To Be Arch-Schemer To Get American Soldiers For Service With Allies Wails That He Is a German

No additional "plotters" against the peace and neutrality of the United States languish in Oahu prison. "The Higherups" in the alleged conspiracy to secure the discharge of American soldiers in order that they might enlist in the armies of the Allies and fight against the Germans, have as yet retained their anonymity, and the three additional warrants which United States Marshal J. J. Smiddy has in hand, are still unserved. Indeed, the marshal is convinced that in at least one instance the names on his warrants are purely fictitious, and he is afraid that the other two names likewise are fraudulent. The warrants were made against a certain "Hawshaw," said to be a well-known detective of that name, well known to readers of a certain class of fiction, the marshal knows of no "Hawshaw."

The man pointed out to Smiddy as "Hawshaw" is really J. Howe, a member of the crew of one of the vessels now in port. He hails from Norfolk, Virginia, and is known to be innocent of any deep-laid plots against the Nation.

So More Arrests Yet

As a consequence Marshal Smiddy last night decided that he would not attempt to make any further arrests, until he has had a chance to talk the whole matter over with United States Attorney Horace W. Vaughan. This decision was reached after a day spent at work upon the case, during which the evidence against the two men who have been arrested was gone into with greater thoroughness than had been possible before.

One of the results of this was the release of W. Stein, or as he insists he is to be called, W. H. Seligen, manager of the New York Dress Company in Union Street. Stein, or Seligen, was arrested in front of the company, as reported in The Advertiser yesterday morning. He was lodged in Oahu prison, charged with violation of section ten of the original code, which forbids the "recruiting or the hiring for enlistment abroad" of anyone within the borders of the United States.

Released Under Bond

Friends of the man at once bused themselves in his behalf, and Attorney George A. Davis was retained to look after his interests. He secured bail for his client and Seligen was released shortly after two o'clock yesterday morning under \$1000 bail. Later in the day he was re-arrested, when his bail was increased to \$2500. On the plea of Attorney Davis this figure was afterward lowered to \$2500, and the sum was supplied by Byron E. Noble, treasurer for the N. S. Sachs Drygoods Company, and Lum Kee, manager for the New York Shoe Company.

Creditors for the New York Dress Company during the day became alarmed at the arrest of the manager on the charge of conspiracy, and closed up his place of business. Later, after listening to his story, they decided to allow Seligen to reopen the place.

Most of the papers and a leather pocketbook taken from Seligen were restored to him last night by Marshal Smiddy, who, however, retained a small note book containing the names of half a dozen or so non-commissioned officers in the army. These men, Seligen declared, had been engaged by him to act as drummers or solicitors on a percentage basis.

Denies Charges Against Him

Seligen indignantly denied the charge against him. With a strong German accent the man asserted that he was Teuton born, having first seen the light in Posen, Prussia.

"If they said I had been recruiting men for Germany it would sound probable," he cried, while telling his story in Marshal Smiddy's office last night, "but for me to send men to Germany it would sound probable."

LIST OF MALOJA DEAD MADE PUBLIC BY SHIP'S OWNERS

One Hundred and Thirty-five Die When Big Liner Goes Down

SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN MAKES NEW VICTIMS

Italian Hospital Ship Sunk Off Albanian Coast With Heavy Loss

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, February 29.—The official list of the dead and missing on the P. & O. liner Maloja, which was destroyed by a mine Sunday afternoon, was made public by the owners of the steamer last night. According to these figures twenty-nine passengers, twenty of the white members of the crew and eighty-six Laasars were drowned. Seventy-two passengers, ninety-two Europeans and 137 Laasars were saved. Among those rescued was a baby entirely unharmed.

The German submarine campaign against British and allied shipping during February netted the divers, 38 British, two Italian, four Belgian, one French and five neutral vessels.

This list was considerably augmented yesterday. The Swedish steamer Knippla, was mined and sunk off Palsterho, but her crew was saved. The fishing smack Lilly, was not so fortunate. Eight members of her crew were reported missing after she was blown up.

The British steamer Southfork, was sunk with the loss of two lives, and seven members of the crew of the Russian steamer Petshanga were drowned when that steamer was destroyed.

The sinking of an Italian hospital ship, the Marchiolo, off the Albanian coast, was reported in despatches from Rome. The vessel is believed to have struck an Austrian mine. Many wounded soldiers and nurses are said to have perished.

MAY BEGIN ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT OF YUAN

(Special Cable To Hawaii Hochoi) TOKIO, February 29.—Representatives of all of the political parties in Japan assembled at the Seiyoken restaurant yesterday, to confer on the question of Japan's attitude toward the government of Yuan Shih-kai. It was determined to begin a movement to overthrow the existing government in Peking, as it was considered Yuan's ambition for the throne has been responsible for the disturbances in China, which are endangering the lives and property of Japanese and other foreigners in China.

WHEAT PRICES TUMBLE AT THREAT OF TROUBLE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) CHICAGO, February 29.—Business which is being felt in financial circles regarding the international situation, in view of the German and Austrian announced determination to carry out their submarine threats in the face of the American announcement that such are internationally illegal, was shown in the wheat pit here yesterday, when wheat dropped in price five cents a bushel. The same feeling of uneasiness is experienced on the various stock exchanges, nearly all securities receding in value during the day.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION RAZES MANY HOUSES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) ST. LOUIS, February 29.—Three persons were killed and many injured last night when five cases of dynamite stored at the Maplewood sewer works, in one of the suburbs of the city, exploded. More than thirty houses were demolished by the force of the explosion.

DUMA AUTHORIZES LOAN

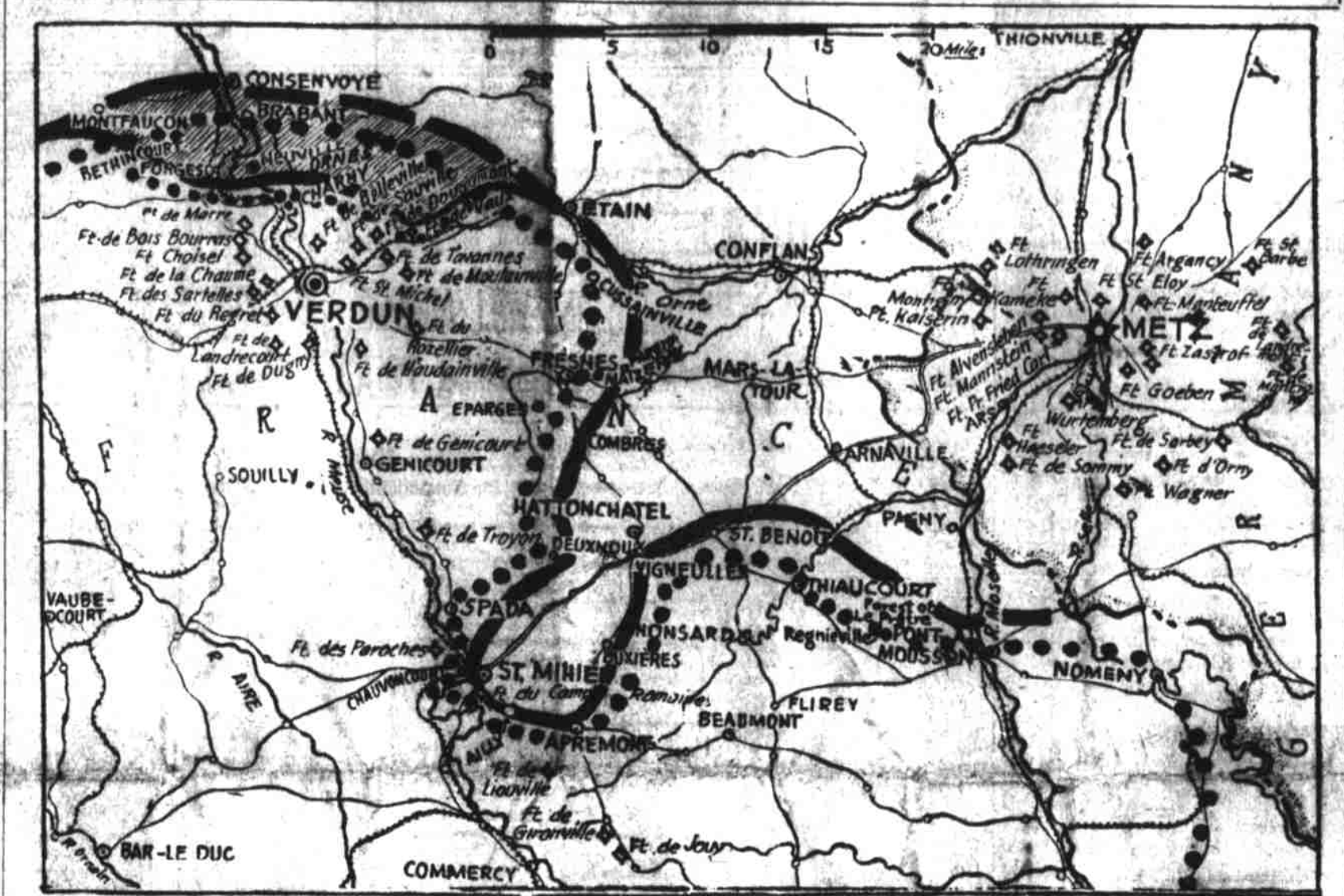
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, February 29.—The finance committee of the Russian Duma yesterday authorized the issuance of a loan of two billion rubles. The loan is to run for ten years and will carry five and one half per cent interest.

MISSION MEETING OPENED

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.) TOKIO, February 28.—The annual meeting of the Hongwanji mission opened today at Kyoto, to continue one week.

REPORTS FROM PARIS AND ELSEWHERE SAY 300,000 TEUTONS HAVE PERISHED

MAP Showing French and German Fronts in Champagne and Woivre, and Verdun and Deimses in Argonne Where Teutons Are Reported To Have Been Annihilated In Repeated Attempts To Drive Their Way Through French Lines Towards Paris.



SHADE SECTION SHOWS GERMAN ADVANCE

SHIP SUGAR BY RAIL FROM CUBA

Twenty-two Car Loads Ferried From Havana To Key West In Cars

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PHILADELPHIA, February 29.—For the first time in the history of sugar cane planting on the island of Cuba a cargo of the product has been brought into this city by rail.

Twenty-two car loads which were ferried across the ninety miles between Havana and Key West and thence shipped by rail, reached the Franklin refinery yesterday afternoon. The stuff was loaded on the cars at the plantation, and cars and all were then taken across the stretch of water between the island and Key West. The rates are said to be lower than by steamer.

EXPLOSION DESTROYS BIG MUNITION PLANT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BOSTON, February 29.—The building of the New England Chemical Company at Woburn, Massachusetts, was destroyed by an explosion that was felt in this city, twelve miles away last night. The plant has been engaged in the manufacture of munitions of war for the Allies since shortly after the outbreak of the war. One man was injured.

GOVERNOR OF OREGON COMES WITH ROSARIANS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SALEM, Oregon, February 29.—James Withcombe, the governor of Oregon, has accepted the invitation extended by the Royal Rosarian and will visit Honolulu when the order goes to the Paradise for its annual excursion. His daughter Mabel will accompany the executive.

GERMANY FILES PROTEST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BERLIN, February 29.—Germany yesterday filed a formal protest with the government of Portugal at the seizure of merchantmen in the harbors of that country. The act is characterized in the German note as a violation of treaty obligations.

Gallant Forces of Crown Prince Are Mowed Down In Vain Attempt To Pierce Lines

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PARIS, February 29.—Based on official reports, the statements of correspondents and the acknowledgements made by many of the German prisoners taken, it is believed here that few of the original force of three hundred thousand Germans, which had been hurled against the Verdun lines, are left alive. The slaughter has been indescribable and the German attacks, made in many instances in mass against the French trenches, gave the French gunners and machine-gun operators chances to mow down men in heaps.

Massive columns of the Teutons have been driven against the French lines, time after time, the orders from headquarters being to ignore losses so long as ground was gained. In consequence the front over which the armies have been fighting are a shamble and even the veil of snow fails to hide the frightfulness of this last and greatest of battlefields.

Backed by the thousands of their comrades the German troops poured forward for four days in a torrent of living, fighting flesh. Death appeared to have no horror for these men. The front ranks crumpled under the rain from the French machine guns and the rifles of the French infantry and the storm of shrapnel from the French "seventy-five" and still the human wave swept on trampling the dead and the living under foot.

German prisoners taken in the last day of the fighting describe the fire from the French guns as "hell on earth." Others declare that it was nothing but a "frightful massacre to send troops into such a fight."

In spite of this it took the French four days to check the advance and turn the wave of Teutons back. Last night the official reports were more optimistic than they have been for several days. It was announced that the Germans, despairing of finally breaking the front, have begun to withdraw their lines from about the fortress of Douaumont, four miles north of Verdun. It now becomes evident that

NAVY NOT READY FOR REAL SERVICE

Rear Admiral Tells Solons It Is But Fifty Per Cent Effective

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, February 29.—Rear Admiral Knight, who appeared before the house naval committee yesterday, told the members of the committee that the United States navy is not ready to exert more than fifty per cent of its strength in ships or guns.

He urged immediate action to enlist at least 2500 additional men and to begin the construction of battle cruisers, scouting craft able to do at least thirty-five knots an hour. In his complete building program the admiral suggested that congress provide for a repair ship, a hospital ship, an ammunition ship and two aeroplane ships.

He also declared that at least twenty destroyers and thirty submarines of three hundred tons burden should be added to the service at once.

JAPANESE TRANSPORTS CARRY RUSSIAN TROOPS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PEKING, February 29.—A Reuters despatch from Harbin, Manchuria, reports that a division of Russian troops are proceeding east over the Transiberian Railroad en route to Dairen, where they are to board a fleet of Japanese transports. These troops are to be landed in the Persian Gulf to operate from the south with the British invading Mesopotamia, to enable the British to effect a junction in Mesopotamia with the main Russian force operating south of Lake Van and in Persia.

REVOLUTION BY DIAZ NOT GIVEN CREDENCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) MEXICO CITY, February 29.—That Felix Diaz, nephew of the late dictator of Mexico, is on his way to this country to start another revolution is discredited here. Diaz has no longer carried weight enough to secure a following in Mexico, it is said. His prestige has been completely lost of late, and it is reported by friends of the leader that he is in reality going to Brazil, where he expects to remain.

YANKEES MUST NOT TRAVEL ON VESSELS ARMED FOR OFFENSIVE

State Department Says Citizens Journey Upon Such Craft At Their Own Risk; Upholds Right of Ships To Act On Defensive

WILHELMSTRASSE NOTE REPEATS BERLIN WARNING

Sees No Reason Why Instructions To Divers To Destroy Armed Merchantmen Should Be Altered To Meet Demands

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, February 29.—In a semi-official statement issued at the State department last night the position of the administration regarding the attack by submarines upon armed merchantmen was made clearer.

America, says the statement, while abating no part of her insistence upon the right of merchant craft to arm for defense, does not therefore contend that Americans have the right to travel with immunity upon merchant vessels which are armed for offensive operations, and ordered to act upon the offensive.

German Note Presented

The German note which was presented to the state department by Ambassador Von Bernstorff yesterday, declared that the German government has no intention of revoking any of the pledges made to the United States following the sinking of the Lusitania and the Arabic. The note adds, however, that the Kaiser's government does not consider that there is any reason why the recent instructions issued to the commanders of German submarines should be changed.

These instructions, it is asserted, are to treat as war ships any of the enemy merchant men, which shall be found to have been armed. Special precautions however have been taken to prevent attacks without warning upon any merchant vessels which carry no weapons for offensive or defensive combat.

Makes Position Clear

In connection with the note official German cablegrams give the German statement in fuller detail.

"The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung reprints President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone as published by Reuters' office. The Norddeutsche then adds the following official statement:

"The principles stated in the German memorandum are by no means contrary to international law. For secret orders of the English navy published in memorandum expressly instruct armed English merchantmen not only to defend themselves but also to attack. Numerous incidents quoted in the memorandum give further proof that ships follow this instruction. Such ships, however, according to international law cease to be peaceful trading ships."

Breach of Law

"On the other hand, the attitude adopted by our enemies appears as a gross breach of the law of nations. They commit acts of warfare with merchantmen for which only real men-of-war are qualified."

"If President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone says that announced measures against armed hostile merchantmen are contrary to the express assurances given by the German and Austro-Hungarian government to the United States, this is apparently caused by a misunderstanding. For these concessions are only in regard to peaceful passenger ships and not such ships whose armament is connected with aggressive purposes."

This misunderstanding is apparently caused by the fact that the memorandum, together with its annexed notes, is not yet in the hands of the American government, and that President Wilson therefore could not yet have examined both."

Britain May Answer

Indications here are that Great Britain will soon send a formal answer to the German charge that commanders of British merchant craft have been instructed to attack German submarines, and that these ships have been armed for offensive war upon the German underwater craft. It is said that British captains have been ordered to avoid submarines where possible, and to open fire with their guns only when submarines are seen approaching without warning.

The state department officials last night repeated their belief that the